**Important Things to Know:**

**Graduation Rehearsal**:

**Graduates are required** to attend Graduation Rehearsal if participating in the Graduation Commencement Ceremonies. **The rehearsal will be at the Avalon Theatre. You will be able to pick up your cap and gown after rehearsals.**

**Graduation day:**

Graduates- Please arriveat the Avalon Theatre ***PROMPTLY at 9:00 a.m***. Free parking is provided behind the Avalon. Ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony itself should take approximately one hour. Please also note that the facility is handicap accessible.

**Caps & Gowns:**

**Graduation gowns** are made of a sensitive fabric - ***PLEASE DO NOT IRON.*** Instead, consider putting it in the dryer on a low setting, steaming it, or hanging it up in a steamy bathroom.

**Graduation caps** may be decorated tastefully. If a cap is decorated inappropriately, it will be confiscated, and a non-decorated one will be provided for the ceremony.

**Dress code for the ceremony:**

You have all worked hard and waited a long time to get here and graduate. With this said, we want to honor this day by recognizing it as a more formal event. ***Please dress nicely.***

 skirt and blouse… dress…slacks with a nice/dress shirt/ blouse…appropriate shoes

**During the Ceremony:**

**This day is to celebrate you and all of your achievements**. Please show consideration and class as you represent yourself, your families and Grand River during this ceremony. Be respectful to all speakers and audience members. Relish in the moment as we officially kick of this huge and important milestone.

**Pictures:**

A photographer will be on hand taking pictures of each senior as they receive their diploma. At parent(s) request copies of the photo(s) are available. Parents also have the opportunity to take their own pictures.

 **IMPORTANT THEATER INFORMATION:**

**\*\*BALLOONS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE THEATRE AT ANY TIME. IF YOU BRING BALLOONS FOR YOUR GRADUATE, THEY WILL BE KEPT IN THE LOBBY PRIOR TO, DURING AND AFTER THE CEREMONY. LOOSE BALLOONS CAUSE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE RAFTERS OF THE THEATRE.\*\*\***